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Dear Representative,

We, the undersigned, urge you to vote **yes** on **Senate Bill 48**, which allows cities and counties the flexibility they need to address current and future transportation development.

SB 13-048 would provide Colorado's cities and counties the flexibility to spend HUTF dollars effectively and efficiently – as determined by local priorities.

Some communities will continue to prioritize investment in their local road and bridge infrastructure. Other communities may choose to prioritize additional bicycle lanes and paths in their communities. Under SB13-048, communities could also choose to invest in critical pedestrian infrastructure to provide safer routes to school or create a more walkable community. Other communities could choose to invest in transit to relieve local congestion, alleviate parking shortages, and provide mobility options for elderly and students to schools and hospitals. For most communities, effective and efficient transportation development would include a mixture of all of the above.

SB 13-048 is permissive – the bill does not require local governments to direct any of their local HUTF revenues to any specific kind of project. SB 13-048 does not alter the HUTF allocation formula in any way; cities and counties will receive the same amount of money as under current law. The bill merely allows local governments greater authority over how to spend their HUTF transportation dollars to better serve their community.

While each of our organizations has a different reason to support SB13 048, we share the underlying belief that every city and county is different and has different transportation needs. Limited transportation dollars can be the most effective when cities and counties can use their HUTF dollars on the transportation modes most suited to their community's needs.

Please vote yes on SB13-048.

Sincerely,

Colorado Public Interest Research Group (CoPIRG)  
Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET)  
Colorado Association of Transit Associations (CASTA)  
Bicycle Colorado  
The Colorado Health Foundation  
LiveWell Colorado  
American Diabetes Association  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Old Town Hot Springs, Steamboat Springs